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In re Application of: Robert T. Mallet, et al.

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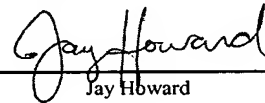
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Title: **Pyruvate Cardioplegia Solution For Administration
To the Heart During Cardiopulmonary Surgery And
Methods of Use Thereof**

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir,

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.